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Mr. Chau,

I am proposing the following changes which will place the application in condition for allowance. The changes are being made in light of the Tuit reference which shows a rotary assembly 23 having an elongate member 31 which engages first and second rotary bodies 27, 28.

The following amendments have been made to clarify what constitutes an extended and retracted position and to specify that the elongated member is the active work bending implement. It is believed that the claims as now amended overcome any indefiniteness and define of the art of record. The claims have been amended from the FAX'ed Informal Amendment filed October 8, 1998.

In the claims:

10. A metallic ribbon stock folding apparatus comprising:
a transferring unit for transfer of ribbon stock through a passage formed by a guide, said passage defining a longitudinal axis;

a rotary assembly having first and second rotary bodies spaced to receive ribbon stock therebetween, said elongate member engaging both first and second rotary bodies when in the extended position;

at least one retractable elongate member, said elongate member mounted for movement between a retracted position where

said elongate member is disengaged from said rotary bodies and an extended position where said elongate member engages both said first and second bodies; and

[a rotary assembly having first and second rotary bodies spaced to receive ribbon stock therebetween, said elongate member engaging both first and second rotary bodies when in the extended position,] said rotary assembly configured for arcuate motion relative to said guide from a first position toward at least one second position to fold a portion of said ribbon stock by said elongate member.

17. A method of folding metallic ribbon stock comprising the steps of:

transferring ribbon stock through a passage formed by a guide, said passage defining a longitudinal axis;

providing at least one retractable elongate member; providing at least one rotary assembly having first and second rotary bodies spaced to receive ribbon stock therebetween;

moving said elongate member between a retracted position where said elongate member is disengaged from said rotary bodies to an extended position to engage both first and second rotary bodies with said elongate member; and

rotating said rotary assembly in an arcuate motion relative to said guide from a first position toward at least one second position to fold a portion of ribbon stock by said

elongate member.

21 A system for folding metallic ribbon stock comprising:
a supply of ribbon stock;
a frame;
a guide mounted in said frame, said guide having a passage
therein, said passage defining a longitudinal axis;
a transferring unit for controlled transfer of said ribbon
stock through said passage in said guide;
a cutter for cutting said ribbon stock at a predetermined
location;

at least one rotary assembly having first and second rotary
bodies spaced to receive ribbon stock therebetween, said elongate
member engaging both first and second rotary bodies when in the
extended position;

at least one retractable elongate member said elongate
member mounted for movement between a retracted position where
said elongate member is disengaged from said rotary bodies and an
extended position where said elongate member engages both said
first and second rotary bodies; and

[at least one rotary assembly having first and second rotary
bodies spaced to receive ribbon stock therebetween, said elongate
member engaging both first and second rotary bodies when in the
extended position,] said rotary assembly configured for arcuate
motion relative to said guide to move said elongate member

integrally with both first and second rotary bodies from a first position toward at least one second position to fold a portion of said ribbon stock by said elongate member.



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